

SHIPS ARE RELEASED FOR COMMERCIAL USE

Baker Agrees to Turn Over 500,000
Tons in Next 40 Days to Help
Relieve Freight Congestion.

TO MAINTAIN TROOP AVERAGE

Hurley Says Return of American
Soldiers Will Not Be Reduced.
—New Vessels Go Into Trade.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Release in the next 40 days of 500,000 tons by the war department to the shipping board as a means of relieving the commercial shipping situation providing the board assumes certain contracts for the transportation of materials to Europe was agreed upon at a conference today between Secretary Hurley, chairman Hurley of the shipping board and senators from the cotton states.

Reports that because of the shipping situation return of American troops from abroad would be reduced below the 200,000 a month planned by the war department, were discounted by Mr. Hurley who declared that this country has sufficient tonnage itself to carry 140,000. He said he did not see difficulty in maintaining the average fixed or in exceeding that number.

The proposition to turn over this tonnage to the shipping board was made by Secretary Baker and was accepted at once by Chairman Hurley.

Contracts to be resumed by the shipping board involve the transportation to France for the next six months of 3,000 freight cars, which originally had been ordered for the American forces, but after the signing of the armistice were accepted by the French government. Under the contract \$1,000 a month are to be sent.

According to Mr. Hurley, the shipping situation is serious, with \$100,000,000 in freight exclusive of cotton now on American docks awaiting shipment. The present tonnage shortage, he added, would remain serious for the next 40 days, but with the continued completion of ships, the situation was expected to be gradually relieved.

Yanks Increase Guards.
COBLENZ, Friday, Feb. 28.—Owing to reports of recent attempts to interfere with food shipments to American troops in unoccupied sections of Germany, the number of guards on all cars containing rations has been increased. Five cars of provisions for American troops in Berlin and at the 20 Russian prison camps left Coblenz for Berlin today, each car being in charge of 10 soldiers, all of whom were armed. There were, in addition, 10 men riding in the cars.

Prussian Assembly Postponed.
BERLIN, Sunday, March 1.—Indefinite postponement of the convening of the Prussian national assembly has been decided upon by the Prussian ministry, says an official dispatch received here from Weimar today because of the present difficulty of transportation.

Andrew and Imogene

"Of course, Andrew," prefaced Imogene, "you know I do not believe in fortune-tellers."

"No, of course not," replied Andrew, "but—" he left the conjunction there for her to add something.

"That Kitty and Maude and Geraldine were talking down at the Mammoth dry goods store's rear room this afternoon and they were telling about this woman. She is a regular gipsy and tells some wonderful things."

"Yes, yes, go on," encouraged Andrew.

"Well, she only charges \$1, and Geraldine said she had been there once and the woman told her to beware of a dark man and that very afternoon while she was out the painter of their apartment broke into her flat and stole a lot of things."

"At least, somebody did, and he was the only dark man around there, and she knew from what the fortune teller said it must have been him."

"Not a doubt at it," agreed Andrew.

"So we all went up," said Imogene, with hesitation.

"Certainly, certainly."

"Well, I was the last one in," continued Imogene, "and what do you suppose she told me?"

"That you would be married twice, that your husband did not fully appreciate you, that you were going to cross water and that there was a man coming with a bundle." Andrew did not hesitate an instant.

"What else?" she asked, excitedly.

"Well, she said I was going to be rich the second time I married. That I was going to have limousines and servants and that she could see light glittering all round my neck and hands and that these were diamonds I would wear and—"

"That's old man Docley, the jeweler," said Andrew, with conviction.

"His wife died this summer."

"Nonsense!" said Imogene. "And that I would have money and two homes, one where the waves washed the sandy shore—that sounds like Palm Beach—and one where the winds sang on the pines and that sounds like the Adirondacks."

"Oh, Andrew, it must be wonderful to have money. Don't you think so?"

"Not when it involves the death of a perfectly good government-inspected and clergy-sanctioned husband, and I am that guy!" said Andrew, solemnly. "To think that the day would come when the woman I have nourished and cherished should calmly sit in my presence and calculate on my death with happiness is more than I can endure."

"Imogene, how could you? You know you can not marry this wicked old man with all his diamonds without killing me off."

"Why, I never thought of that!" said Imogene, blankly.

"That's just what I am complaining of," said Andrew. "Did she give you anything to put in my tea?"

"No," said Imogene, seeing the laugh crinkles in the corner of his eyes, "or I would give it to you!"

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FOUR ARE KILLED IN DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

FRANKLIN, Mass., March 1.—The premature explosion last night of dynamite, which the police believe was intended to destroy the Fay mill of the American Woolen company, caused the death of four men, it became known today. The police hold the theory that the men killed were carrying the explosives.

The explosion occurred in the rear of the mill, damaging 20 dwelling houses, the occupants of which suffered no serious injury.

Seafarers Conference Splits

LONDON, March 1.—Differences of opinion as to whether the seamen should appeal to the peace conference for a settlement of international wage working conditions resulted in a split in the International Seafarers' conference here today. The American delegates, led by Andrew Furuseth, opposed the seamen conferring in any manner with the peace conference or with the international labor commission in Paris. The Americans declined to accept membership on a committee of seamen which, it was decided yesterday, should be sent to Paris. The conference was unable to complete its business today.

PRICE QUITS RAILROADS FOR MOVIE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Oscar A. Price today resigned as assistant to the director general of railroads to become president of a new corporation organized to distribute motion picture films.

Mr. Price was appointed in the railroad administration by former Director General McAdoo who recently was retained as general counsel for the moving picture corporation.

Meet Ukrainian Leader

WARSAW, Friday, Feb. 28.—The inter-allied delegation sent to Lemberg met Petlura, the Ukrainian peasant leader, yesterday, and discussed the armistice between the Poles and the Ukrainians and were favorably impressed with the situation. An inter-allied commission, which has gone to Posen, will meet a German delegation at Bromberg to discuss a renewal of the armistice conditions relative to Germany and Poland.

Sub to Go Up Mississippi

ST. LOUIS, March 1.—One of the surrendered German submarines will be brought up the Mississippi river to St. Louis by an American crew during the coming Liberty loan drive, the local Liberty loan organization announced today.

STATEHOOD LEADER JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN

Senator Nelson Who Engineered Bill
for Oklahoma to Be Admitted
to Union Takes Post.

World's Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, oldest member of the United States senate in years, and author of the bill in the senate which gave Oklahoma statehood, will be chairman of the senate judiciary committee, when the republicans organize the body at the beginning of the extraordinary session.

Senator Nelson today was said to have decided to take the judiciary, though he also was ranking member

of the important commerce and appropriations committees. The committee is now headed by Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas and is one of the most important of senate committees.

Senator Nelson is 76 years old and a native of Norway. He came to the United States when he was 6 years old and served as a union veteran for four years in the civil war and was badly wounded. He was perhaps the most outspoken American-nation member of the senate and has interrogated all the witnesses in the German-bolshevik hearing which the (overman) committee has been conducting for three months. Despite his advanced age he is still vigorous.

Senator Nelson recently declared that though he had been instrumental in framing much legislation his proudest achievement was engineering the bill which made Oklahoma a state. He went to the white house to see President Roosevelt sign this bill.

WILSON WILL WRITE AT CLOSE OF TERM

Committee at Larchmont Told by
President That That Is His Desire—to Compile History.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—In regard to published reports that President Wilson told democratic committee members who lunched with him yesterday that he would not accept nomination for a third term, it was stated today at the white house that the subject of President Wilson again being a candidate was not mentioned. It was explained that the president merely remarked to his guests that he yearned to get back to

writing and that he had in contemplation the compiling of a history. Some of those who attended the luncheon said today they gained the impression that the president meant he would retire to private life at the end of his term.

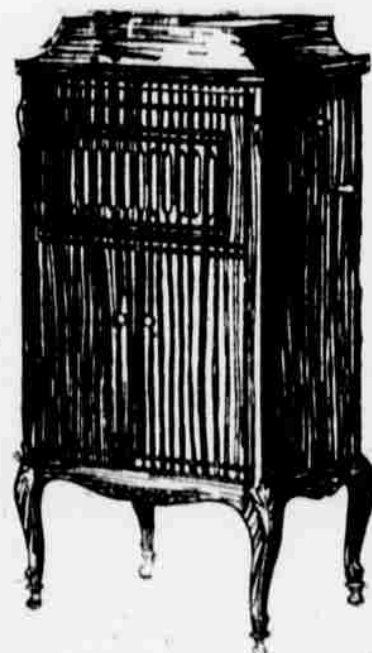
It also was stated that the president evinced deep feeling against opponents of the league of nations. He was said to have expressed the view that the league should be an American and not a partisan issue, but that if the republican state committees should reject a proposal to endorse the league, the democratic state committees then would be free to act independently.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTED BY URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 1.—With the inauguration of Dr. Baltasar Brum as president today, Uruguay today begins a commission form of government for the republic, the commission being formed of the president, elected by the direct vote of the people, and nine commissioners, appointed by the two houses of congress. In addition, the president will have the usual cabinet of nine members, of whom he will name three and the commission six.



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